STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23850

Idaho Code 33-1003 currently provides fiscal protection for school districts against the possibility of declining enrollment. When there are school districts that qualify for the protection against declining enrollment, the section outlines how funding for this protection is calculated by reducing the support unit value *of all* school districts in the state by a uniform percentage in the amount necessary to fund the decrease in enrollment *in some* school districts.

The proposed amendment to this section would automatically enroll school districts to receive funding protection against declining enrollment. If the school district wishes to be exempt from the protection they must notify the state department of education in writing by September 30 each year. If the school district does not notify the state department of education they will be enrolled in the program. They may not opt out again for a period of five (5) years.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the General Fund



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